



Meet the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Drinking Water Protection Team



We look forward to helping you protect
Your community's Drinking Water





Tiffani Cravens
Geologist

Tiffani Cravens is a geologist in the Water Quality Assessment Division under the Office of Environmental Assessment with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. As a member of the Drinking Water Protection Team, she educates the public on the importance of protecting drinking water. She plays a vital role in working with Louisiana communities in establishing local drinking water protection programs.

Tiffani graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in geology in December 1999. She spent three and half years in environmental consulting before moving to DEQ in 2003. In addition to her public outreach skills with the agency, she has varied leisure interests. Her community involvements also include the Baton Rouge Earth Day Festival where she is a board member and festival president. Tiffani is a Cajun music enthusiast and enjoys dances and festivals, and she is a member of the Cajun French Music Association. Tiffani is also a FEMA disaster housing inspector, amateur seamstress and avid board game participant.



Mary Gentry
Geologist

Mary L. Gentry is a member of the Drinking Water Protection Program staff in the Water Quality Assessment Division under the Office of Environmental Assessment with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. She joined the DEQ in February of 1991. She has worked with communities on implementing Wellhead Protection Programs statewide, educating water system operators and the public on how to protect their drinking water. She received two awards from EPA Region 6 for distinguished service in promoting statewide development of the Wellhead Protection Program. She was actively involved in the development and implementation of Louisiana's Source Water Assessment Program to assess the susceptibility of public water systems to potential contamination.

Mary specialized in Hydrogeology in her undergraduate curriculum and received a B.S. degree in Geology from the University of New Orleans (UNO) in 1990. She is a waterfowl enthusiast and a sponsor of the Majestic Waterfowl Sanctuary in Connecticut and Lane Duck Rescue in Pearl River, Louisiana. She is also an active member of the St. Patrick Church choir in Baton Rouge.



Micaela Marchand
Environmental Scientist

Micaela Marchand is a member of the Drinking Water Protection Program staff in the Water Quality Assessment Division under the Office of Environmental Assessment with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. As a member of the Drinking Water Protection Staff, Micaela educates the public on the importance of protecting drinking water. She plays a vital role in working with Louisiana communities in establishing local drinking water protection programs.

Micaela graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.S. degree in microbiology in 2002, and began working at DEQ shortly after in July of 2002. In addition to her public outreach activities with DEQ, Micaela is a strong advocate of the arts. She is a modern dancer with the Cangelosi Dance Project and also teaches classes in ballet, modern and jazz.



Jesse Means
Geologist

Jesse Means is a member of the Drinking Water Protection Program staff in the Water Quality Assessment Division under the Office of Environmental Assessment with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. He joined the DEQ in May of 1994. He has worked in a statewide ground water monitoring program and has worked with communities on implementing Wellhead Protection Programs statewide. He also assisted with the implementation of Louisiana's Source Water Assessment Program to assess the susceptibility of public water systems to potential contamination.

Jesse graduated from Centenary College of Louisiana with a degree in Geology in 1992 where he was active in several organizations, including Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Sigma Gamma Epsilon geology honors fraternity. Jesse resides in St. Francisville, Louisiana and is interested in sports, exercise, gardening, traveling, and cooking.

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